GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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VISIT OF JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER
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Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Japanese Foreign Minister recently visited India;

(b) if so, the details of discussion held during his visit;

(c) whether the issue of restoration of overseas development assistance which was stopped due to nuclear tests on 1998 was also discussed; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (ANANDRAO V. ADSUL)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir.

Japanese Foreign Minister Ms. Yoriko Kawaguchi paid anofficial visit to India on 7-8 January 2003 and discussed bilateraland multilateral issues of mutual interests of the two countries.

(c) & (d)No, Sir.

On 26th October 2001, Government of Japan unilaterally liftedthe economic sanctions imposed on India following the nuclear tests in May, 1998.

Foreign Minister of Japan conveyed the decision by the Governmentof Japan to provide Japanese Yen 110 billion as official development assistance loan under financial year 2002 package.